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Anticipated Classification of this application:

Class 435 Subclass 070

Prior application:

Examiner: Thomas W. Prasthofer

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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a
() continuation application of:
(X) divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application Serial No. 09/426,823 filed Oct. 22, 1999

Title METHOD OF SHIELDING BIOSYNTHESIS REACTIONS FROM THE AMBIENT ENVIRONMENT ON AN ARRAY

Name of applicant(s) Michel G.M. Perbost and Steven M. Lefkowitz

Copy of Application

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.
() Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
() Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- () Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior application Serial No. _____
filed on _____ in _____
() The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____
filed _____
() A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

- (X) Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference To Related Application(s) E
and add the paragraph: I

--This is a () continuation (X) divisional
of copending application serial number 09/426,823 filed on Oct. 22, 1999

Inventorship Statement

- () Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

- () Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent _____
Registration No. _____
() authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record
() the Associate Attorney or Agent shall not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

- (X) Address all future communications to: _____ Direct telephone calls to: _____
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Other Amendments

- (X) Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:
(X) Cancel the following claims 1-28 _____ of the
prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be
retained for filing purposes).
() Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

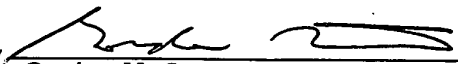
Fee Calculation

- (X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility () Design

| CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | | | | |
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| (1) FOR | (2) NUMBER FILED | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) RATE | (5) TOTALS |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 9 — 20 | 0 | X \$18 | \$ 0 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 3 — 3 | 0 | X \$84 | \$ 0 |
| ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | 0 | | \$280 | \$ 0 |
| BASIC FEE: Design (\$330.00); Utility (\$740.00) | | | | \$ 740 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE | | | | \$ 740 |
| TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT | | | | \$ 740 |

Charge \$ 740 to Deposit Account 50-1078. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 50-1078 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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